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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3523

C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 0299

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DEPT PASS SECDEF FOR ASST SECY ELLSWORTH

DEPARTMENT FOR ATHERTON AND VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR A-4 BRIEFING

REF: A. MAP AMMAN 3291, 281015Z DEC 74 (C)

B. MAP AMMAN 3162 091420Z DEC 74 (C)

C. CNO 131947Z DEC 74 (C)

D. CNO 132137Z DEC 74 (C)

E. MAP AMMAN 2115, 211020Z OCT 74 (C)

1. AMB PICKERING MET YESTERDAY WITH KING AND WISHES  
CONTACT YOU DIRECTLY REGARDING KING'S REQUEST FOR INFO  
ON CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES OF VARIOUS MODELS  
OF A-4 SKYHAWKS. AS OUTLINED IN REF CABLES, RJAF IS IN-  
TERESTED IN PROCURING 60 A-4 ACFT, WITH REHAB WORK BEING  
CONDUCTED BY LOCKHEED OR DOUGLAS.

2. BASED ON THIS AND OTHER AVAILABLE INFO, IT  
APPEARS THAT KING IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS IS  
THE ROUTE TO GO, AND EVEN IF HE DECIDES ON  
A-4'S, THERE IS A QUESTION OF MODEL AND EXTENT  
OF REHAB AND MODIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BEST SUIT  
JORDAN'S DEFENSIVE NEEDS. WITH RECENT ACQUISITION  
OF \$51M FROM SAUDI AS ITS PORTION OF RABAT FUND,  
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IT IS LIKELY THAT KING IS NOW READY TO MAKE A

MAJOR AIR FORCE ACQUISITION.

3. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, AMB IS OF OPINION THAT  
BEST APPROACH WOULD BE A SMALL BRIEFING TEAM THAT  
COULD CONDUCT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, W/O AVAIL-  
ABILITY COMMITMENTS IF NECESSARY, DIRECTLY WITH  
KING AND KEY MIL PERSONNEL. HE WOULD BE MOST APPRE-  
CIATIVE IF THE TEAM COULD BE SENT IN SHORT ORDER.  
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